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The deaths of several prominent people in our industry have recently been announced. Max Grundig died at Baden Baden on December 7th, aged 81. He founded Grundig in 1945, concentrating initially on radio sets in kit form in order to get round regulations imposed by the allies. The kits were a runaway success and started the rapid growth of Grundig to become West German's largest consumer electronics company. Grundig ran into difficulties when competition from the Far East intensified, and in 1984 Philips took control of the company.

Harold J. Leak, founder of one of the best known post-war UK hi-fi firms, has died in the Channel Islands aged 82. His famous Point One amplifier, introduced in 1949, was claimed to be the first commercial amplifier with a total distortion figure of less than 0·1 per cent.

M.G. Scroggie, B.Sc., M.I.E.E., who wrote numerous well-known books including *Television* in 1935 and *Foundations of Wireless* in 1936, and continued until recently to write for *Electronics and Wireless World* under the pen-name Cathode Ray, has died aged 87.